



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6358

January Session, 2013



AN ACT UNLEASHING INNOVATION IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (f) Determination of eligible credits shall be at the discretion of the
5 local or regional board of education, provided the primary focus of the
6 curriculum of eligible credits corresponds directly to the subject matter
7 of the specified course requirements. The local or regional board of
8 education may permit a student to graduate during a period of
9 expulsion pursuant to section 10-233d, if the board determines the
10 student has satisfactorily completed the necessary credits pursuant to
11 this section. The requirements of this section shall apply to any student
12 requiring special education pursuant to section 10-76a, except when
13 the planning and placement team for such student determines the
14 requirement not to be appropriate. For purposes of this section, a
15 credit shall consist of not less than the equivalent of a forty-minute
16 class period for each school day of a school year except for a credit or
17 part of a credit toward high school graduation earned (1) at an
18 institution accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or
19 State Board of Education or regionally accredited, [; or] (2) through on-
20 line coursework that is in accordance with a policy adopted pursuant

21 to subsection (g) of this section, or (3) through a demonstration of
22 mastery based on competency and performance standards, adopted by
23 the State Board of Education.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
26 *1, 2013*):

27 (e) Once the program is in operation in the region served by a
28 regional educational service center pursuant to subsection (c) of this
29 section, the Department of Education shall provide an annual grant to
30 such regional educational service center to assist school districts in its
31 area in administering the program and to provide staff to assist
32 students participating in the program to make the transition to a new
33 school and to act as a liaison between the parents of such students and
34 the new school district. Each regional educational service center shall
35 determine which school districts in its area are located close enough to
36 a priority school district to make participation in the program feasible
37 in terms of student transportation pursuant to subsection (f) of this
38 section, provided any student participating in the program prior to
39 July 1, 1999, shall be allowed to continue to attend the same school
40 such student attended prior to said date in the receiving district until
41 the student completes the highest grade in such school. [Each regional
42 educational service center shall convene, annually, a meeting of
43 representatives of such school districts in order for such school
44 districts to report, by March thirty-first, the number of spaces available
45 for the following school year for out-of-district students under the
46 program. Annually, each regional educational service center shall
47 provide a count of such spaces to the Department of Education by
48 April fifteenth.] If there are more students who seek to attend school in
49 a receiving district than there are spaces available, the regional
50 educational service center shall assist the school district in determining
51 attendance by the use of a lottery or lotteries designed to preserve or
52 increase racial, ethnic and economic diversity, except that the regional
53 educational service center shall give preference to siblings and to

54 students who would otherwise attend a school that has lost its
 55 accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
 56 or has been identified as in need of improvement pursuant to the No
 57 Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110. The admission policies shall be
 58 consistent with section 10-15c and this section. No receiving district
 59 shall recruit students under the program for athletic or extracurricular
 60 purposes. Each receiving district shall allow out-of-district students it
 61 accepts to attend school in the district until they graduate from high
 62 school.

63 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Education shall
 64 conduct a study of issues relating to local partnerships for
 65 advancement of the teaching profession. Not later than June 30, 2015,
 66 the department shall submit such study and any recommendations to
 67 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 68 cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the
 69 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-221a(f)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-266aa(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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